JOFFRE HEADS GREAT

assisting her.

A lumber schooner from Jacksonville, Fla., arrived here to-day and reported sighting an English cruiser of the Lancaster type 190 miles to the northeast of San Juan at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon headed southeast.

The German steamer Odenwald and the British steamer Salybia, both bound for European ports from the West Indies with freight and passengers, have sought refuge in San Juan harbor.

French Troops Cut Off Germans at Liege

LONDON, 3.54 P. M., Aug. 10.—The North Sea was again closed to the fishing fleets has so far proven a failure. to-day. The harbor master at Scarborough received a message from the Admiralty instructing him to tell the masters of fishing vessels not to go out until further notice.

This is taken to indicate that the German fleet which was supposed to be bottled up in the Baltic is out ready for business.

a force of French troops arrived in time to participate in a fine success of Gen. Leman's Big Austrian Fleet Rushes to Aid German Cruisers Belgian division over the German troops investing Liege.

working behind the Germans cut off their retreat. The Germans are said to have lost connects the Adriatic with the Ionian sea. 8.000 killed and wounded while 1,700 of them were captured. I give these figures under reserve."

Another development at Liege is expected to be the arrival of the Belgian main army advancing from Louvain in the northwest to attack the Germans occupying the city.

Messages received to-day from the Belgian General Staff assert that the occupation of the city by the German troops has had no influence on the strategic situation.

It is declared that so long as the ring of forts around Liege remains intact, the guns of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau. will command three of the principal roads by which the German army can advance. This makes it impossible for the Germans to receive supplies or ammunition.

Every line of railroad between Liege and the German frontier is alleged to have been refuge of Japanese ports and has embarrassed the entire Japanese shipping in the Orient. destroyed, and the Belgian troops are said to have blown up every bridge, culvert and tunnel.

brought with them only sufficient food for a few days and little ammunition. They deny baseless, but it has nevertheless reawakened interest as to America's attitude. the reported capture of 4,000 Belgian prisoners.

The Belgians report that many of the 120,000 German troops at Liege have been so home countries to take their places in their armies. weakened as to be unable effectively to attack the forts. It is not possible for the forts to concentrate their fire on the city itself.

In the House of Commons this afternoon Premier Asquith said that Lord Kitchener, the Minister of War, had directed the raising of a second volunteer army of 100,000 men. This is interpreted as meaning that the entire available British army is now under orders for service on the Continent. A good portion of it is already there.

ST. PETERSBURG (via London), Aug. 10.—The regular troops of the German army

are now concentrating near the Russian border in brigades of two or three regiments each Frequent skirmishes between outposts are reported, while German military peroplanes fly daily in the direction of Kovno.

Kaiser at the Front to Head His Army

PARIS, Aug. 10.—Kaiser Wilhelm is reported at Aix-la-Chapelle prepared to assume they retired from the Servian frontier. preme command of the German army that is trying to force the passage of Belgium d Luxemburg.

extending from that point across to Luxemburg will have to check the crack Prussian terrific fighting. infantry, which will attempt to push south along the Meuse River.

War Office advices to-day indicate a big engagement is pending between French and German troops in Lorraine below Saarburg. It is believed the French artillery is supportan attacking column engaging Germans advancing from Saarburg.

Ferney, Mulhausen and Colmar are in the hands of the French, and all of Alsace NAVAL COMMANDER and against the Germans. The German army is concentrations of the Alsace flamed against the Germans. The German army is concentrating on Gen. Joffre's front. Neu Breisach, to the east of Colmar, and Strasburg to the north, are the centre of the German advance.

The German army of the Lower Rhine is already marching against the French. The reach lines extend across to the Shine along the Swiss border.

German cavalry, supported by infantry and artillery, have driven the French evalry patrol from the little border town of Longuyon, in the department of Murthe et

Desperate fighting marked the wresting from German troops by the French invadme army of the passes at Bonhomme and Saint Marie, on the frontier below Mulhausen. War Office reports say the French now occupy the village of Saint Marie aux Mines. Rehting continues all along the line to-day.

French Army Moves in Alsace Like Huge Fan.

The French in Alsace, led by Gen. Joffre, is moving in a formation shaped like a huge in from the Jura mountains on the Swiss border through all of Alsace to a point east of **Colmar.** The forces that are engaged in this invasion form the second mobilization centre the French army with headquarters at Langres.

After making their initial stand at Altkirch the Germans fell back rapidly and it was not until Colmar was reached that any serious resistance was encountered by Gen. ffre's men. Muelhausen was taken without any long continued fighting.

At Colmar there was severe fighting in which the French are reported to have over-

whelmed the Germans by a series of brilliant bayonet charges.

German troops are moving on France through Luxemburg, the main column being ported at Esch. This will be very heavily reinforced in view of the check at Liege. It is called that the original German plans were believed to call for practically the entire ive German army with the first and secondary lines of reserves, a total of nearly one

the Austrian regiments are reported from Basic as having violated the neutrality to be now on the Alsace border preparing to attack the French rear in

considerable damage to one of the hostile ships, as the others stopped and seemed to be Alsace. They are picked soldiers from the Austrian Tyrol, mountaineers, who will be able to harass the French.

France Declares War Against Austria

France formally delared war on Austria to-night. The declaration followed the failure of the Austrian government to make satisfactory explanations of the movement of Austrian troops from the Austrian Tyrol through Switzerland to the Alsatian border.

In the capture of Mulhausen the French took possession of a big aeroplane factory in which they found a number of machines designed for the German army nearing completion. They will be finished and confiscated by the French military authorities.

It is stated that the attempt of the German engineers to flood the valley of the Seille

In the fighting along the ridges of the Vosges Mountains both the French and the

German aerial forces have been very active. Detachments of the famous Turcos, or native troops from the French colony of

Algeria, penetrated Upper Alsace to-day.

ROME, Aug. 10 (Via Paris)—An Austrian fleet of thirteen warships and six-The correspondent adds: "The French succeeded in reaching the town of Liege and teen torpedo boats is said to be going at full steam toward the Strait of Otranto, which

> The probable purpose of the fleet is to give succor to the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, which have been reported in that vicinity.

> Eight Austrian regiments are reported to have crossed Lake Constance en route for Alsace.

> The Austrian steamer Bayern, laden with dynamite and live projectiles, is reported to be trying to penetrate the Adriatic Sea. She is trying to replenish the munitions

> TOKIO, Aug. 10.—The German fleet at Tsingtau has already seized_the Russian steamer Riasan, carrying British subjects, has driven one hundred merchantmen to the

The press gives prominence to an alleged communication from America saying the The Belgians declare that the Germans, expecting to take Liege in a few hours, United States is sending a fleet to Asia to protect its interests. The report is considered

Forty missionaries, chiefly French but some of them German, are leaving for their

ROME, Aug. 10—The Giornale d'Italia's Genoa correspondent says that the Casino at Monte Carlo has been closed and Vice-Director Kotz has been shot as a German spy.

Servians Drive Back Austrians Seven Times

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Servian Legation, in an official statement issued to-night, confirmed the report that Austrian troops have abandoned their attempt to cross into Servian territory. The statement says:

"After seven fruitless attempts to cross the Danube in the face of the Servian defense the Austrian troops finally abandoned the effort and retired leaving the Servians n possession. Servian troops are now operating in Bosnia."

PARIS, Aug. 10-According to advices received here, the Servian advanced posts have arrived before Visegrad, Bosnia, to which place the Austrian troops fell back when

A dispatch from Rome says Montenegro has invaded the new State of Albania and taken the city of Scutari, which was taken from Montenegro by the powers at the close The English, French and Belgian armies have concentrated on Namur. The line of the last Balkan war. Montenegrin troops captured Scutari during the conflict after

> The Montenegrin forces have also directed an attack against the Austrian unes at Trebinje in Herzegovina, fifty-two miles southeast of Mostar.

Officer Who Led Landing British Party at Vera Cruz Disap-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 .- Lieut .ommander Arthur B Keating, of the pattleship Arkansas, who during the

pears From Battleship.

he has been drowned, according to dispatch from Rear Admiral Badger Commander Keating has a brother Harry W. Keating, at Hagerstown

THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS MAROONED IN SWITZERLAND ARE GOUGED BY BANKERS

GENEVA, Switzerland, Aug. 9 (de ayed in transmission) .- American and consular officers estimate that about 5,000 Americans and 10,000 English were held up in Switzerland owing to the outbreak of war.

The Swiss Government for the pas

few days has prevented autor leaving the country, as it intends to use them if necessary for military purposes A number of American cars are among those held.

The Swiss banks have begun to disighting at Vera Cruz last April, com-manded the landing party from the Florida and the Arkansas, has disap-take travellers' checks.

peared from his ship and it is thought BANKER KILLS HIMSELF WITH SHOTGUN IN VISE

Former Jersey Senator Stands in Front of Fixed Weapon and Pulls the Trigger.

OCEAN CITY, N. J., Aug. 10 .-

He suffered much from kidner trouble and worried in the last for weeks over the injuries of a bo was struck by his automobile This morning he rigged a d

of the Pleasant Mills Paper Company

formerly State Senator from Cape

May County, committed suicide in h

private garage this morning.

barrelled shotgun in a vice so Lewis M. Cresse, President of the he could stand before its m First National Bank of this city and pull the trigger

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Foreign Exchange Clearances

Owing to the serious derangement of the foreign exchanges, The National City Bank of New York will undertake to act as a clearing house to facilitate the exchange of bank and cash credits in South America and in other parts of the world. As a result of the moratoria and Bank holidays that are in force in many important commercial countries, it is for the time being impossible in a normal way to buy and sell exchange upon those countries.

It is feasible, however, in many cases to clear debits and credits upon foreign points, provided there can be brought together business interests having credits and debits at the same

If corporations, firms, or persons having foreign credits or desiring foreign credits will communicate with us, we will undertake so far as possible to offset these debits and credits.

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